

Regional Landcare Update

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Landcare Unveils New Logo

Landcare Australia's new re-vamped logo is now available to Landcare networks. The new logo coincides with the new national advertising campaign, featuring TV advertisements. Landcare Australia also has a Style Guide available to ensure proper and consistent use of the logo. Colour and black/white options are available—contact Landcare Australia to update your logo.

Landshare Movement Hits Australia

Landshare is a community driven initiative which was established in the UK. It's a social networking service introducing people wanting to grow fruit and vegetables but with nowhere to do it, to those with spare land.

Landshare Australia is due to be launched early this year, with the backing of Landcare Australia. The UK version, led by celebrity chef Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall (River Cottage) is booming with over 57,000 growers, landowners and helpers registered to date and still growing (the UK team are also advising on the development of the Australian site). Landshare is looking for participants on both sides of the fence. Find out more and register at www.landshareaustralia.com.au

NSW Farmers Offers Scholarships

NSW Farmers' Association awards a number of scholarships each year under the Associations' Tertiary Scholarship Program. The scholarships are open to students who are Members or come from a family that are Members (check Eligibility Criteria), undertaking full time courses in their second or subsequent year of tertiary study. They are available to students studying any course at any recognised tertiary institution, and are not limited to studying in NSW.

Applications close 28th February 2011. Forms and guidelines available at www.nswfarmers.org.au

CMA Claims Date for Climate Change

Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA has set down the date for the Living with Climate Change conference. The 2-day event will be held 18-19 May 2011 in Inverell.

The event will include speakers, information sessions and exhibits relevant for landholders, urban residents and students. Run in partnership with Inverell Shire Council, the organising committee are hard at work planning the event. More details available soon. Also go to www.brg.cma.nsw.gov.au for more information.

Feral Month

The ABC is mapping Australia's feral animal populations and need your help. You can report January sightings and upload photos online at feralmonth.crowdmap.com The site is easy to navigate and sightings can also be reported via sending an MMS to 0459 353 323 or by emailing feralmonth@your.abc.net.au At the Feral Month website, you can 'submit a report' or use the map to see the distribution of feral animals across the Australian landscape. Feral animals included in the mapping are foxes, rabbits, deer, feral cats, wild pigs, goats, wild dogs, cane toads and camels.

Have Your Say on Native Veg Assessment

Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA will host a public meeting in Warialda on proposed amendments to assessment methodology under the Native Vegetation Act 2003.

The meeting comes as the Minister for Climate Change considers amendments to the Environmental Outcomes Assessment methodology and possible streamlining to the process.

The community consultation meeting encourages feedback from land managers and those involved in the industry. Date is 25.1.2011 at Warialda

Contributions to the Landcare Update are welcome.
Email to Fiona Adams at gwymacgg@bigpond.com



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Golf and Bowling Club, 10am.
RSVP to Annabelle Monie
67288032.

Regional Dentistry Scholarship

NSW Regional Dentistry
Scholarship aims to support a
student with strong links to
regional New South Wales to
train for a professional dental
career. The scholarship is
awarded annually to a student
commencing dentistry studies.

The one-year scholarship has a
value of \$4,800. The
scholarship holder will also
have access to mentoring
support from an experienced
dentist who is based in regional
New South Wales.

The NSW Regional Dentistry
Scholarship is supported by
Senator John Williams, the
Nationals Senator for NSW, and
is administered by the National
Rural Health Alliance. Closes
21.2.2011.

Rural Financial Counselling Open Day

Families in the Upper Horton
area are invited to attend this
information day being hosted
by Rural Financial Counselling
Service Northern Region.
The event is an opportunity to
learn about the service and
how RFCS Northern Region can
assist with

- Enterprise action plans
- Succession plans

- Government assistance
and the Climate Change
Adjustment Program
- Special Conservation
Loans

Centrelink representatives will
be on hand for questions on
gifting rules, aged pension and
foregone wages. RSVP to Julie
Roy 6792 4798.

Regional Awards Time

This year, the Regional
Landcare Awards will be hosted
by New England-North West
Landcare, with the support of
Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA.
The awards recognise the
contribution of community
groups, individuals, indigenous
groups, schools and local
government to Landcare and
sustainability. Forms and
guidelines will be available
shortly.

Landcare Adventure 2011

Southern New England
Landcare will host the 2011
Adventure in March. Dates are
set as 16-17 March 2011 and
this year's event will centre
around the Guyra district. The 2
-day event includes farm tours,
expert speakers, Landcare
Awards dinner and
entertainment. The event
attracts Landcare and non-
Landcare members alike and is
a great way for landholders to
meet others in the industry.
Early bird discounts will be
available for those who register
early.

Registration forms and details

will be circulated by your local
Landcare network.

Sheep Lice Review

The NSW policy for sheep lice is
currently under review and
public comment is invited. The
current review provides an
overview of:

- sheep lice policy in NSW,
- the background to this
review,
- the economic impact of
sheep lice in NSW and
- who pays for lice control in
NSW.

Sheep producers, industry
groups and the general public
are invited to comment on the
consultation document entitled
'NSW Sheep Lice Policy 2011
and beyond'.

The document is available from
the I&I NSW website

at [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/
agriculture/livestock/sheep/
health/sheep-lice-review](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/livestock/sheep/health/sheep-lice-review)

Caring for our Country in the Upper Gwydir

Upper Gwydir Landcare
Association has launched its 3-
year project to improve land
management techniques.
Landholders are offered
funding assistance with
riparian fencing, revegetation,
pasture trials and alternate
fertiliser trials under the
project. To find out more,
contact Frances at UGLA
67242052.